

Macomb MSU Extension 4-H Family Notes

Children, Youth & Family Programs

May-June 2007



Foreign Exchange Hosts Needed

Two 4-H Exchange programs are still in need of host families for summer exchange participants: Poland Inbound (participants will be at Expo Days and then stay with families from June 22 to July 21); and Labo Japanese Inbound (family stays from July 21-25 to August 19-23). Go to http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.htm for more information. If interested, call Anne Crotser at the 4-H Office, 586-469-6431.

Macomb 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Rides Again

PEP provides a safe environment in which youth with disabilities, assisted by trained volunteers, can learn and practice riding and horsemanship skills under the direction of a certified therapeutic riding instructor. The program will offer 45 minute riding lessons for six weeks on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and 7:30 in both the spring and fall. Classes will take place at the Black Tie Ranch, located in Marine City starting May 2 through June 6 and again in the fall, August 29 through October 3rd. Tammy Drake, owner of Black Tie Ranch is generously allowing the 4-H PEP Committee use of her brand new indoor arena and horses for the program.

The program is staffed mainly by volunteers and is always looking for enthusiastic people 14 years of age or older to serve on the committee, help with stable management, grooming, side walking, leading horses, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and

Dog Fun Match

The 2007 K-9 & Kompany 4-H Dog Fun Match will take place at Wolcott Mill Farm Learning Center on Saturday, June 16, 2007. Showmanship, agility and obedience classes will be offered at this outdoor match.

Pre-register by June 8th and pay \$5 for the first entry and \$1 for each additional class with the same dog. Fees will

be slightly higher for those registering the day of the show. This match is for 4-H members only. No adult classes will be offered. Prizes will be awarded for high score in each class.

For more information, contact Nancy Duemling at 586-307-8801 or Wendy Kwiecinski at 586-336-9383. Registration forms are available by calling the MSU Extension 4-H Office at 586-469-6431 or online at http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.htm. Scroll down to "Upcoming Events".

Exploration Days Fast Approaching

Applications for 2007 Expo Days are due to the 4-H Office by Friday, May 4th. Remember that classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Participants must attend the <u>mandatory orientation</u> meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 7th at the MSU Extension office in Clinton Township.

marketing. To learn how you can volunteer, call the Macomb County Michigan State University Extension 4-H office at (586) 469-6431 or the PEP instructor, Mary Rader at (810) 326-0983.

Fair News Update

Fair Grounds Clean up: is scheduled for Saturday May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday May 20 from Noon to 4:00 pm. All clubs participating in the fair are expected to send representatives.

4-H Superintendent Training: is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be provided. If there are items you would like on the agenda, please contact Kathy Jamieson at 586 469-6431.

2007 4-H Armada Fair Book: is expected to be available online sometime in May. At the March Fair board meeting, the motion to put a freeze on all fair book amendments for 2 years passed which means they will not accept changes until 2010.

4-H Day Chair: Each dub that displays projects in the 4-H Exhibit building is responsible for recruiting a responsible adult to serve one shift (8:45-1:30; 1:15-6:00 or 5:45-10:00) as Day Chair. Call Denise Lotan at 586 781-7081 to sign up.

4-H Fair Theme: "Achieve your dreams through 4-H"

Armada Fairgrounds Flower Bed Sponsors Needed

Fair time is coming up fast. Patricia Fons is looking for clubs, organizations and individuals to sponsor a flower bed, a flower box or a hanging flower pot.

Flowers for the beds and boxes need to be planted no later than June 15th. Watering and weeding will be taken care of by the Pirates 4-H Club.

Patricia needs folks to call by May 15th if they are interested in sponsoring one of the flower options. If you need more information or would like to sign up for a box, call Patricia Fons at 586-784-8769.

Club & Committee News

Clever Clovers are Busy

Our 4-H club has been interested in learning more in the area of Food Preparation. We went on a field trip to the Morley Candy Company and learned about chocolate. We had a really fun time there.

Our next trip is to Panera Bread. We will get a tour and get to learn how to bake their breads. We get to make baguettes and bagels.

We made a visit to the nursing home in Armada and brought our rabbits and a dog to visit the residents. They loved our animals! We hope to do this again because it was such a hit.

Submitted by Haley Waterstraat, Clever Clovers 4-H Club

2007 State Awards

This year, Macomb County has three youths and one club that have been selected regionally to compete for State Awards. They are Christine Bingham of K-9 & Kompany 4-H Club (Dogs), Jessica Makowski of Northern Macomb 4-H Club (Rabbits) and Jenna Lotan of Northern Macomb 4-H Club (Goats), and Northern Macomb is up for a team award. Congratulations and good luck to all!

Seeking Purrfect Clovers!

The Cat Club is still looking for a few good feline friends. The May meeting will be on Wednesday the 16th, 6:30-8:30 at the Extension Office. Meetings include educational information and arts and crafts projects. The club also expects to adopt a community service project, and will add additional projects based on members' interests. Members will be able to enter

School Section Visits Japan

School Section 4-H Club has started a new project area called Global Education. A foreign exchange student from Japan named Kozu is living with School Section's Grettenberger Family.

Kozu showed us pictures of Japan and shared a lot of information about her daily life to get us started on our Global Education Projects. Kozu explained to us on a map about the different regions and historic sites of her country. She talked much about her family and school. It was very interesting to learn about the differences between our two countries. Kozu has improved her English very much since she arrived here.

Later that evening she also taught School Section 4-H's Craft Club true Japanese Origami. She showed us different things you can do with just simple folds in paper. She showed us examples of different animals, tulips, roses, Christmas trees, & Indian tents. Thank you very much Kozu for sharing with us.

Submitted by Alissa Gianferrara & Alexandria Pinskey, Reporters
School Section 4-H Club



The deadline for the July-August issue of 4-H Family Notes is June 8, 2007. Mail, e-mail or fax submissions to the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office.

Fax: 586-469-6948, E-mail: Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov

Address: 21885 Dunham, #12, Clinton Twp., MI 48036

their Cat Project Books, as well as Vet Science projects about cats, in the Armada Fair this year. For more information, contact Anne at the 4-H Office.

Volunteers: What Are Your Training Needs?

Teen and adult volunteers across the state are being asked to take an online survey to help Michigan 4-H better understand volunteer training needs. The results of the survey will be used to evaluate and modify training opportunities at Kettunen Center—our statewide facility for 4-H volunteer training and development near Cadillac—and at other 4-H volunteer training venues around the state.

If you are a 4-H volunteer, please go to the 4-H Web site at http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/index.html and click on the volunteer survey link to complete the survey. Call the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office for a paper copy of the survey. Surveys should be returned to the State 4-H Office, 160 Agriculture Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Thanks in advance for helping us learn more about your volunteer training needs! If you have questions regarding the survey implementation, please contact Betsy Knox at knoxe@msu.edu or (517) 432-7603 or Michelle Lavra at lavra@msu.edu or (517) 432-1555 x156.

Club & Committee News (continued)

Rocketry Supply List and Schedule

WHERE TO GET SUPPLIES: At most hobby stores: Prieh's in Richmond north of 32 Mile, P&D Hobby in Fraser, Great Lakes Hobby in Utica, Bay's Hobby in New Baltimore. Check your yellow pages for additional hobby stores. Toys 'R Us has a more limited selection of rockets & supplies. Meijer has a very limited selection.

WEBSITES: WWW.ESTESROCKETS.COM or http://www.greatlakeshobby.com. Be sure to stay within the A to D engine range. (You need approval by the airports to fly E engines or above.) Rocket Vision is a terrific resource for learning more about rocketry. It has online parachute and stability calculators, a reference library, and many cool links such as SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), pictures of Eagle Nebula (the birth of star). You can even design your own decals or even your own rocket, and Rocket Vision will manufacture your custom decals or rocket kit for you. There is a charge for this.

<u>SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED FOR THIS PROJECT</u>: rocket, engines, extra igniters (engines come with some, but usually need more), wadding, white glue and/or plastic cement (read instructions on rocket). Paint is needed but do not bring to class. Note: Hot glue is not acceptable for this project. Optional: Spray clear coat (matte or satin or glossy) to finish rocket and Launch Pad. NOTE: There is no charge for this class, but please keep packet of information given during 1st year for all subsequent years and any new material supplied.

BEGINNERS (1st year 4-H Rocketry): We will begin building rockets on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th at 6:00 pm in the Ray Township Hall. It is located on Wolcott just north of 29 Mile Road. Bring Skill Level 1 rocket kit and white glue and, if required, plastic cement. Parents should plan on staying to supervise those 4-Hers under age 12. THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING FOR 1st year ROCKETRY students (even if you took rocketry through another organization). If you can't make the meeting, or, if you have any questions, please call Nancy Davis (586-784-9410).

PLEASE NOTE: engines are made of gun powder and must be handled with care! NEVER LAUNCH WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION! REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST!!!

YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST ONE FLIGHT DAY!!! In case of inclement weather, we will cancel until the next flight day.

TO ALL ROCKET MEMBERS: All flights will be held at the Ray Township Park on Wolcott Road just north of 29 Mile Road.

1st Flight Wednesday, July 18th
2nd Flight Wednesday, July 25th
3rd Flight Wednesday, August 1st
6:00 pm
4th Flight Wednesday August 8th
6:00 pm

THINGS TO BRING TO FLIGHTS: Launch pad (if you have one), rocket, wadding, engines, extra igniters, card insert from your rocket with vital statistics on it, (length, width, diameter, weight, etc.). We DO time the flights and need the details regarding your rocket for our records.

FAIR REQUIREMENTS: Rocket must have been built during the past year. It must have been flown & flight log kept & exhibited

MY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) The rocket must be displayed on a stand of some kind. This stand can be a bought launch pad, a homemade launch pad, or a piece of wood that has been suitably painted and a rod of some type installed to support the rocket (example: fasten a nail or metal rod to a piece of wood that is slightly larger than your rocket, and paint to match or contrast your rocket).
- 2) a poster displaying whatever you would like it to display. This can be pictures of you and your rocket and flight logs, or you can do detailed drawings and descriptions of any part of model rocketry (i.e. how engines are made, how engines work, importance of safety first, etc.). Because of space limitations at the fair, please limit poster to 1/2 of poster board. Foam core board looks especially nice but is not required.
- 3) For each year that you are in rocketry class, I expect that you will increase the rocket skill level and therefore its complexity (i.e. first year -skill level 1 (Beta) rocket; second year -skill level 2 (Explorer) rocket, etc.) Each rocket should be more of a challenge than the last. If, however, you have some difficulty in completing a skill level 2, 3 (Challenge) or 4 rocket or if you required a lot of outside help, please speak to me, as I do NOT want you to increase your skill level if you are not ready to.

 Please note: RTF (ready to fly) and E2X (almost ready to fly) rockets are NOT acceptable for this project!
- 4) I do expect that neatness and evidence of increased knowledge in rocketry will improve each year.
- 5) Several days before the fair, <u>be sure to review list of rocketry terms</u>, <u>parts of your rocket</u>, <u>and steps you took to build your rocket</u>, <u>so that you can answer the judges' questions</u>.

NOTE: It would be a good idea if you have someone take a picture of you with your rocket, and also a close up of your rocket <u>prior to launch</u>, so that you will have proof of your workmanship (in case something happens during or after the launch (example: lose the rocket in tree, rocket crashes, parachute takes rocket beyond park and is unrecoverable, etc).

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This project is open to all 4-Hers within Macomb County.

Upcoming Events

King and Queen Contest

Now is the time to nominate someone from your club for King or Queen. Each club can nominate one male and one female from among their primary or shared project members. Candidates should possess leadership skills and be well rounded role models for other 4-Hers. Candidates must also meet the following criteria:

- 14 –18 years old as of Jan 1 2007
- Active in 4-H for a minimum of 2 years
- Must be present during Armada Fair week to help with cloversprout judging, petting farm, exhibit building, promotion of 4-H and other duties as assigned.
- Willing and able to represent 4-H and their club in the community throughout the year, including participating in local parades and 4-H county activities.
- Available to be interviewed on July 19 @12:30 at Wolcott Farm.

Process:

Your club nominates you.

Your General/Organization Leader enters you into the contest by completing a fair

Candidates complete an application available on Macomb County 4-H Web Site or by contacting the MSUE office.

Candidates are encouraged to attend a King and Queen orientation in June, exact date and time to be determined.

Candidates are interviewed by a panel of judges prior to the fair. Interviews are know if you need to take the test. General scheduled for July 19 @ 12:30 at Wolcott Farm. Candidates will share their Leaders need to contact Tina at 4-H experience with their 4-H record book and/or scrapbook, which could 586-469-6431 with a list of the youth who include awards, photos, resume, ribbons etc.

All registered 4-H members and cloversprouts can vote for candidates during scheduled times as determined by Superintendent.

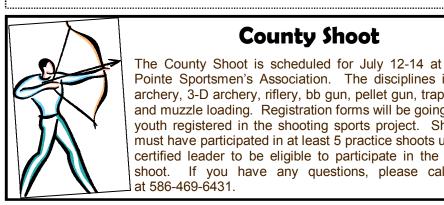
The Court is announced Tuesday at Opening Ceremonies of the Armada Fair. You gain leadership experience helping out at the fair, Petting Farm, Exhibit Building, and Livestock Sale, handing out ribbons, parades and more!

More Information:

For more information, please contact Mary Goike at 586-784-9372. Note: Club General/Organization Leader must enter the nominees on an entry form due by the 4-H entry deadline at the fair.

Ask the Entrepreneur Workshop

Save the Date! On Wednesday June 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., the 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club is planning a workshop open to all where they will have the opportunity to meet local entrepreneurs and learn how they got their business started. This workshop will also provide a chance to learn more about the Future Entrepreneurs club, the members and activities they have been involved with since the group's inception in January 2007. For more information or if you're interested in joining the club, contact Bee Brown at 586 469-7432.



County Shoot

The County Shoot is scheduled for July 12-14 at Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association. The disciplines include archery, 3-D archery, riflery, bb gun, pellet gun, trap, skeet and muzzle loading. Registration forms will be going out to youth registered in the shooting sports project. Shooters must have participated in at least 5 practice shoots under a certified leader to be eligible to participate in the county shoot. If you have any questions, please call Tina at 586-469-6431.

Club Development 101

This training at Kettunen Center on May 16th is designed to assist 4-H staff and volunteers with the management and growth of Michigan's 4-H club program. The \$25 cost includes, lunch, snacks, materials and fees. Register with the Macomb County MSU Extension office by May 11th. Call 586-469-6431 for more information or visit the web at http:// interstgweb01/msuextension/Clubs.htm and scroll down to "Upcoming Events"

Basic Ride & Jump Test

The Teen Horse Leaders will be conducting the Basic Ride & Jump Test on May 19, 2007 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The ride test will be held at Camp Rotary on 29 Mile Road, east of Romeo Plank. The basic ride and jump test is for youth who have not previously ridden in Macomb County. Let your General Leader will be participating in the ride and jump tests. Indicate which test club members need to take.

Macomb County Horse Clinic

Youth and adults who are interested in finding out more about showmanship, reining, horsemanship and trail for light weights, showmanship and driving for mini horses or braiding and showmanship for draft horses are welcome to come to the Macomb County horse clinic. The clinic will offer sessions more than once so participants will be able to attend other classes that are of interest to them. Youth are welcome to bring their horses to the clinic and learn first-hand from their peers working their horses in the show ring. Anyone is welcome to come so bring a friend! Make sure that feet are covered.

Pat Parelli Clinic

A Pat Parelli horse clinic is coming to the Michigan State Fair Grounds in Detroit on May 19-20, 2007. This is a two-day clinic and is free to 4-H'ers and adult 4-H leaders who bring them. Regular price for the clinic is \$65. If 4-H'ers are interested in attending this clinic, we must have names, club name and whether the participant is a youth or adult, please call Tina at 586-469-6431 to register. Club leaders registering to attend will pick up wristbands for the club at will call on the fair grounds. The wristbands are for both days of the clinic.

Upcoming Events

Resume Building, Interview Skills, & Career Options

Are you looking for a job? An internship? Don't miss this opportunity! Create resumes that rock! Learn how to dress for success! Participate in mock interviews!

It is that time of year again, time to start looking for a summer job or internship. Please join us from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2007 to learn about different career options, how to write a resume, good techniques to use while interviewing for jobs, and the proper business handshake.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity that is useful to youth and adults. Dinner is provided. Hope to see you there at the VerKuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, MI 48036. RSVP by May 21, 2007. Call Rachel Calcaterra at 586-783-8163 for more information.

Sanilac 4-H Dog Committee is sponsoring a

4-H Dog Fun Match / May 19, 2007

Registration at 9 a.m., Judging at 10 a.m. Indoor arena.
Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds, 260 Dawson St., Sandusky, MI
Vaccinations Certificate and Dog License Required. Entry Fee: \$5 for handling/
obedience classes, \$3 for fun classes, Max. \$25 per handler/dog. Anyone of any
age may show. Need not have an AKC dog. Call Sanilac Co. MSUE

@ 810-648-2515 or Ann Schroeder at 989-635-5939 for more information.



Macomb County MSU Extension

Annual Plant Exchange

June 2, 2007

(Always the "1st Saturday in June from 9 a.m.-Noon")

- Bring healthy plants to exchange
- Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions
- Bring soil samples for nutrient analysis (\$11)

Everyone is welcome! Call (586) 469-6440 for details.

ALL BREED OPEN HORSE SHOW

Sponsored by St. Clair County Arabian Horse Association

June 23, 2007 / 8 a.m.-? Goodells County Park, Goodells, MI

> Judge: Ron Chandler \$5/Class \$10/Sweepstakes

Stalls—\$25 OR Show out of Trailer - \$10/Trailer

Proof of negative Coggins required. Handlers must be 18 years old to show stallions in halter. Stallions cannot be shown in showmanship. Leadline 10 and under may be split for safety. SEI certified helmets required for all 17 and under for gymkhana. Paybacks for select classes (1st = 25%, 2nd =10%, 3rd = 5%, 4th-6th places = Ribbons)

For additional information, contact:

Sue - (810) 385-4889 / suejones@sccaha.org Cindy - (810) 357-2442 / cindyburd@sccaha.org or visit http://www.sccaha.org/files/ All BREED OPEN HORSE SHOW2.pdf

Project F.I.S.H. Workshop

Anyone interested in teaching children how to fish and care for our water resources can attend a Project F.I.S.H. (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) Workshop at Kettunen Center from May 18-20, 2007. Participants will learn about Michigan aquatic ecology, people and fish, tackle crafting, and building angling skills. Learn how to carve fish decoys and leave with curriculum activities, equipment, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children.

The \$195.50 workshop fee includes meals, lodging and lots materials (fishing rod, reel, 144 piece tackle box plus extra tackle you make, a Backyard Bass casting game, The Walk, and Project F.I.S.H., and the Hooked on Fishing, not on Drugs curricula). Register by May 4, 2007. Call 586-469-6431 for more information or download registration material at www.projectfish.org/kettunen.pdf.

Sponson a House

MSU EQWIS, the Equine Welfare Intervention Strategy, an undergraduate coalition based at Michigan State University, is offering a horse sponsorship program to benefit horses in Brazil whose owners are knowledgeable about horse care but lack the resources they need to properly care for their horses.

For \$35, one of the following will be provided:

- Salt blocks for a year
- · complete feed for a month
- Tetanus vaccination, booster, and dewormer for a year
- A fleece girth cover, all purpose first aid salve, and brushes including a rubbery curry, dandy brush and hoof pick.

Or sponsor a Brazilian cart horse and provide the owner with the necessary resources to appropriately care for their horse by donating the following: **Bronze Sponsorship** (\$125) - one month of complete feed, plus salt blocks for a year, vaccines, dewormer, a fleece girth cover and appropriate brushes. **Silver Sponsorship** (\$375) - includes complete feed for a year. **Gold Sponsorship** (\$500) - includes a year's worth of feed, salt blocks, vaccines (tetanus and booster), dewormer, first aid salve, tack, and brushes and other care products.

Your donations are tax-deductible and can be made online. Visit http://www.canr.msu.edu/animalwelfare/EQWIS/EQWIS.htm for more information or contact Danielle Vandine at vandined@msu.edu or Dr. Camie Heleski at hele-ski@msu.edu.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Wetlands - Now and Forever?

MSU Extension's (MSUE) Natural Resources Department is presenting "Wetlands: Now and Forever" at the MSU Extension Office, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton Township, on Monday, May 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This program will take a look at the definition, functions, values and management practices for wetlands, incorporating the use of a wetlands model. The program is free. Anyone interested in attending should register by calling Macomb MSU Extension at 586-469-6430. Macomb MSU Extension's Natural Resources provides education and information on water quality, waste management, land use and other environmental issues.

Wetland issues are a growing concern locally, nationally and internationally. More than 60 percent of southeast Michigan and 75 percent of Macomb County wetlands have been destroyed. This program defines wetlands, examines the variety of wetland functions and provides other important information on wetlands so citizens can make informed decisions on wetland management in their communities.

May Showdown Spectacular

May 26, 2007 Armada Fairgrounds, Armada, Michigan

- Show starts at 11 a.m., weigh in card due at 10 a.m.
- Pigs can arrive May 26 between 6-9:30 a.m.
- Barrows & Gilts eligible, show together
- Showmanship first \$5 at the door, 1st gets 50 percent of Division

& embroidered goods, 2nd gets 30 percent of Division and embroidered goods, 3rd gets 20 percent.

- Prospect show starts immediately after showmanship
- Open to the world
- Interstate health papers required for all out of state pigs.
- Grand and Reserve may be subject to drug test.
- 10 lbs weigh back for class champions
- Judge: Al Snedager

- ♦ \$500 Grand Champion Pig
 & Embroidered Goods
- \$250 Reserve Champion Pig
 & Embroidered Goods
- 3rd Overall receive Embroidered Goods
- Classes will be awarded on a sliding scale
- Top five placings in classes of 10 will be awarded
- Class winners will receive goods.

Shavings available at show (\$5).

Food and refreshments available at concessions. Jackpot put on in part by Ray Community 4-H Swine Club. No pre-registration required, but call with any questions.



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Wild Horse & Burro Adoption

The Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States (BLM-ES) will hold a special wild horse and burro adoption at the Midland County Fairgrounds, 6905 Eastman Road, Midland, Michigan on May 19-20, 2007. There will be about 60 horses and a few burros at this adoption including geldings, mares and yearling horses. Adoption fees start at \$125. The adoption will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Remaining animals will be available for adoption Sunday, May 20, 2007, from 8 a.m.-Noon. Animals can be viewed by the public from 1-5 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2007. The arena is located just off I-75 and is open to the public with no admission charge. From I-75, take Highway 10 west toward Midland. From Highway 10, take the Eastman Road Exit (also Business Highway 10) and go north to Midland County Fairgrounds. Call 1-800-293-1781 for information and applications for the Midland adoption. Potential adopters are asked to call early to be pre-approved to avoid waiting in line. You can also visit http://www.wildhorseand burro.blm.gov/adoption or www.es.blm.gov/whb/ to get required information and download an application to become a qualified adopter. While the adoption process is simple and straightforward, anyone considering adoption of a wild horse or burro should remember that the animals are wild and require gentling and training. Since the Adopt-Wild Horse & Burro Program began in 1973, over 216,000 animals have been adopted nationwide. Of those, 2,387 were adopted in Michigan.

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